

# COMSC-210 Lecture Topic 4

## Using Dynamic Memory

### Reference

Childs Ch. 4, 5

### 3 Ways That Data Structures Store Values

"static" arrays

e.g., `int score[100];`

"dynamic" arrays

e.g., `int* score = new int[n];`

e.g., `delete [] score;`

both static and dynamic are fixed-size

"linked lists" (topics 6 and 9)

### Using Dynamic Arrays In Templates

"capacity" no longer in template specification:

```
template <class T>
```

declaration: `DynamicArray<int> a;` // of default capacity

...OR: `DynamicArray<int> a(10);` // of specified capacity

replace these data members from "StaticArray":

```
T values[CAPACITY]; // allocated right away
```

```
bool inUse[CAPACITY]; // set to false in constructor
```

with these data members in "DynamicArray":

```
static const int INIT_CAP = 100; // initial capacity
```

```
int cap; // avoid name conflict with "int capacity() const"
```

```
T* values; // allocated in constructor
```

```
bool* inUse; // allocated in constructor & set to false
```

### The "Default" Constructor

prototype: `DynamicArray(int=INIT_CAP);`

uses a "default parameter"

function (not inline):

```
template <class T>
DynamicArray<T>::DynamicArray(int init_cap)
{
    cap = init_cap;
    values = new T[cap];
    inUse = new bool[cap];

    for (int i = 0; i < cap; i++)
        inUse[i] = false;
}
```

### Managing Dynamic Memory

include these functions:

1. Destructor
2. Copy Constructor
3. Assignment Operator

### Templated Destructor

purpose: deallocate memory allocated in constructor

prototype: `~DynamicArray();`

function definition:

```
template <class T>
DynamicArray<T>::~~DynamicArray()
{
    delete [] values;
    delete [] inUse;
}
```

### Templated Copy Constructor

purpose: allows copies to have their own arrays

avoids conflicting destructors

this happens when:

pass-by-value: `void fun(DynamicArray<int>);`

assignment: `DynamicArray<int> copy = a;`

return value: `DynamicArray<int> fun();`

prototype: `DynamicArray(const DynamicArray<T>&);`

function definition:

```
template <class T>
DynamicArray<T>::DynamicArray(const DynamicArray<T>& a)
{
    cap = a.cap;
    values = new T[cap];
    inUse = new bool[cap];

    for (int i = 0; i < cap; i++)
    {
        values[i] = a.values[i];
        inUse[i] = a.inUse[i];
    }
}
```

### Templated Assignment Operator

purpose: allows copies to have their own arrays

avoids conflicting destructors

this happens when:

assignment: `DynamicArray<int> copy; copy = a;`

prototype: `DynamicArray<T>& operator=(const DynamicArray<T>&);`

returns a "self-reference"; allows `fun(copy = a);`

function definition:

```
template <class T>
DynamicArray<T>& DynamicArray<T>::operator=(const DynamicArray<T>& a)
{
    if (this == &a) return *this;

    // same as destructor code block
    ...

    // same as copy constructor code blocks
    ...

    return *this;
}
```

### Overcoming Fixed Size

in StaticArray operator[ ] setter:

if `key >= capacity`, return dummy

in DynamicArray operator[ ] setter:

if `key >= capacity`, *increase capacity*

`key < 0` still returns the dummy

operator[ ] getter is unaffected

### Increasing Capacity In operator[ ] setter

to accommodate `key >= cap`

reset `cap` to `key + 1` like this:

```
T* tempValues = new T[key + 1];
for (int i = 0; i < cap; i++) tempValues[i] = values[i];
delete [] values;
values = tempValues;
```

```
bool* tempInUse = new bool[key + 1];
for (int i = 0; i < cap; i++) tempInUse[i] = inUse[i];
for (int i = cap; i <= key; i++) tempInUse[i] = false;
```

```
delete [] inUse;  
inUse = tempInUse;  
  
cap = key + 1;
```